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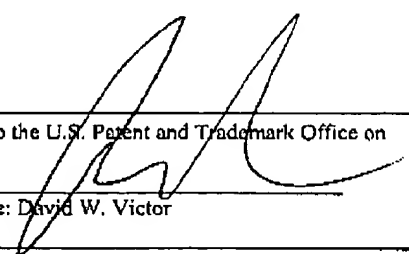
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For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND DATA )  
STRUCTURES FOR USING METADATA )  
IN UPDATING DATA IN A STORAGE )  
DEVICE )

Examiner: Matthew D. Anderson  
Art Unit: 2186



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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the final office action dated November 10, 2004 ("Final Office Action), in which the Examiner allowed claims 2-5, 7-14, 17-20, 22-29, 32-35, 37-41, 44, and 45; found that claims 6, 21, 36, 46, and 48 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form; and rejected claims 1, 15, 16, 30, 31, 42, 43, and 47 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amended allowable claims 6, 21, and 36 to place these claims in condition for allowance.

On February 1, 2004, the attorney for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview discussing the rejection. The attorney explained how the claims distinguished over the cited art and the Examiner said he would consider the attorney's arguments. In a follow-up phone call, the Examiner cited additional sections of the prior art. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections, including the additional sections the Examiner cited in his phone call, and submit that all pending claims 1-48 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18.